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March Announcement

The March meeting of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in North American Hall, West Wing of the Academy buildings in Golden Gate Park, Wednesday evening March 15, 1950 at 8 o'clock. Howard Cleaves, noted cameraman in wildlife photography, will show a technicolor film entitled

Animals Unaware

Mr. Cleaves' success, described as "bagging wildlife on film," has long been known. His photography, begun under tutelage of Thomas A. Edison in 1913, has appeared in feature articles in the *Saturday Evening Post*, the *National Geographic Magazine*, *House and Garden*, and many other periodicals. His special science film sequences of animals in the wild have been seen in Pathé and Fox newsreels and Paramount pictures.

Mr. Cleaves achieved a reputation photographing animals in their natural haunts by night, for which he developed a unique contrivance of powerful lights carried on his shoulders that earned for him the unusual soubriquet "human chandelier." He also devised a method of taking flashlight pictures under water.

The new film, "Animals Unaware," contains, among other things, the interesting life history of the seventeen-year "locust" or cicada; studies of ospreys on the Atlantic coast, emphasizing the relationship of this bird to mankind; adventures in the haunts of the clapper rail; and a wild ruffed grouse that "boxes" with human beings.

Election Results

The official family of the Academy for 1950 was announced at the Annual Meeting on February 15. Five new trustees were chosen, following membership action last fall increasing the number on the Board from ten to fifteen. New trustees include two attorneys, Eugene D. Bennett and Allen L. Chickering, Jr.; Lawrence W. Lane, publisher of *Sunset* Magazine; Dean Witter, head of the well-known investment firm; and Decker G. McAllister of the Pacific Scientific Company. Members of the Board who were re-elected for five-year terms are Norman B. Livermore and Brayton Wilbur.

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FRANCIS P. FARQUHAR

New President of the California Academy of Sciences

Other officers of the Academy who were elected serve on its Council. Francis P. Farquhar, who has been a member of the Council and treasurer of the Academy for ten years, was chosen president. Harold P. Champlain, new to the Council, was elected treasurer. Other Council members and officers who were re-elected are E. B. Babcock, first vice-president; George S. Myers, second vice-president; E. O. Essig, corresponding secretary; and J. Wyatt Durham, recording secretary.

Retiring president, M. E. Lombardi, who has served since 1946, was made a fellow of the Academy. Robert G. Aitken, director emeritus of the Lick Observatory, was elected an honorary member.

Television

A function of the Academy is to help people know and enjoy life other than human, more particularly birds, fishes, and animals. No one who has watched George, the young leopard seal, and his companion Brownie, the sea lion, can doubt but that these two enjoy the public's enjoyment.

Of such vein has been Academy staff member Thomas Groody's Saturday afternoon experiments these last nine weeks, a series that has taken place with the hearty cooperation of Del Courtney of television station KPIX and some 12,000 viewers.

Mr. Groody not only originated the idea and convinced the Academy and the television station that it was a good one, but he went further than many "idea men." He put it into action. Each Saturday at 3 p.m., Tom brings Academy staff members and other experts (as well as a set of less articulate actors) to a courtesy spot the Courtney show has extended to the Academy.

Fan mail, subscriptions to *Pacific Discovery,* and a decided boost by Bradford Washburn, when he told Academy officers of the Boston Museum's successful television show, have all added mounting enthusiasm for the Academy to have a regularly scheduled television program for the Bay Area viewers with its own sponsor.

Applications for Membership

Notice is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council approved the applications of the persons listed below for Membership in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after March 7th, they will be considered elected.

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